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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

CHAKILA TILLIE

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 7-13 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-85/86)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/23/07, 12/23/05
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 4-6 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 4 "a further" does not have a composition recited before. Claim 5 "the further" does not have a composition recited before. Claim 6 "a further" should be "the further" and does not have a composition recited before. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Buriak et al (US 2005/0106401).

Re Claim 4: Buriak teaches a device manufacturing method comprising the steps of: (a) providing a polished silicon substrate [paragraphs 39 and 40] having a background portion (non-functional) [paragraph 46] and one or more target portions (functional) [paragraph 45], said background and target portions having Si-H bonds [paragraph 38] on the surface; (b) 1) reacting one or more target portions with a further composition comprising one or more compounds selected from 1-alkenes and 1-alkynes, to covalently attach said one or more compounds to said target portion(s) [paragraph 45];

and (c 1) reacting at least a part of said background portion with a first composition comprising one or more compounds selected from 1-alkenes and 1- alkynes [paragraph 46].

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art on record fails to teach irradiating said one or more target portions in the presence of the further composition and repeating step b1 one or more times, each repetition being carried out at one or more different target portions and in the presence of further composition comprising one or more compounds selected from 1-alkenes and 1-alkynes.

Claims 1-3 and 7-13 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Re: Claim 1- The prior art on record fails to teach irradiating said one or more target portions using a patterned beam of radiation and in the presence of oxygen to provide a layer of silicon oxide on said target portions and removing said layer of silicon oxide from said target portions, in combination with the other limitations of claim 1.

Claims 2-3, 7-13 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore are allowable.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAKILA TILLIE whose telephone number is (571)270-3413. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ha Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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